

SOCIETY

The Week in Society

Monday, December 28th.
Weekly social at Woman's Club, 430 P. M.
Christmas dance of Monday German, 9 P. M.
Stay-at-Home Whist with Mrs. H. L. Spillman, 909 Floyd Avenue, at 8:15 P. M.

Tuesday, December 29th.
First dance this winter of Tuesday German in Masonic Temple at 9 P. M.

Wednesday, December 30th.
Mrs. A. D. Williams, of 800 West Franklin Street, will be at home from 5 to 7 in honor of Miss Ella Buck.
Wedding of Miss Hester Riddle to Mr. Edwin Haugh Plakerton, of Baltimore, at 1 P. M., in the Presbyterian Church of Bon Air.

Thursday, December 31st.
Wedding at Hollins, Va., of Miss Leonora Cooke, daughter of Mrs. Charles L. Cooke, and sister of Mrs. Frank Duke, to Dr. Hugh H. Trout.

Friday, January 1st.
Fancy dress ball and masquerade in Masonic Temple, under the direction of Miss Brent Witt and Miss Rebecca Walker, at 8 P. M.
Cottillion in ballroom of Hotel at 9 P. M., by Omicron Club of Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Saturday, January 2nd.
Reception by Mr. and Mrs. S. Dabney Crenshaw at 9 P. M., in honor of Miss Crenshaw, Miss Fanny Graves Crenshaw and Miss Stella Moore.

Leading Feature of Century.

A leading feature of the January Century Magazine is entitled "Queen Victoria as Seen by an American," and contains the letters of Mrs. Sally Coles Stevenson, wife of Hon. Andrew Stevenson, of Virginia, American Minister to England from 1886 to 1891.

These letters have been arranged for publication by Mr. William L. Royall, of Richmond, whose wife is a great-niece of the late Mrs. Stevenson, more readily recalled to the minds of Virginia friends by her maiden name—Miss Sally Coles.

To use Mr. Royall's words: "Mrs. Stevenson's letters present an attractive picture of English homes and the inner life of the aristocracy." The article is embellished by reproductions

from portraits, now in Mrs. Royall's possession, of Mrs. Stevenson in court dress, her husband, Hon. Andrew Stevenson, and by a picture of "Estouteville," in Albemarle county, the home of Miss Sally Coles before her marriage to Mr. Stevenson.

The letters, which were written by her to her brothers and sisters in Virginia, and many others, says Mr. Royall, have come down to her great-niece, Mrs. Royall, formerly Miss Page Aylett. He considers that the most interesting of the letters relate to Queen Victoria. The series will be continued in the February Century.

The founders of the Southern Association of College Women, will be in Richmond this week for the American Historical Association, and while here she will form, if there is sufficient interest shown, a branch of the Southern Association of College Women, such as exists already in a number of other Southern cities, among them Atlanta, New Orleans, Nashville, Knoxville, Montgomery, Oxford. The branch in New Orleans was started last month, and already has eighty members. In spite of the fact that the membership in this association is limited to graduates of only the leading colleges and universities.

Miss Johnson has called a meeting of the eligible college women of Richmond at the Jefferson Wednesday, December 30th, at 2 o'clock, the meeting to be held in the hotel parlors.

Annual Christmas Treat.
The annual Christmas tree at the Belle Bryan Day Nursery and Free Kindergarten will be held Tuesday, December 29th, at 12 o'clock. All friends of the nursery are invited to see the exercises. Contributions of toys, either old or new, candy, etc., will be highly appreciated.

Fancy Dress Ball.
Preparations for the fancy dress ball to be given under the direction of Miss Witt and Miss Walker in Masonic Temple on the evening of January 1st, indicate that the masquerade is to be a very merry and pretty affair. It will be chartered by leading society women, and attended by the prettiest young girls in the city, who, with their attendant cavaliers, will give the new year a right royal welcome.

Omicron Club Dance.
Another charming social feature of New Year's evening will be the cottillion given by the Omicron Club of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, in Jefferson Hotel, on the evening of January 1st. The cadets will wear the blue and white, the institute colors, and the opening figure will be both graceful and beautiful. Chaperons of the evening will include a number of leading society people in Richmond, and many Richmond alumni will be among the guests of the occasion.

The Woman's Club.
The Woman's Club promises to be especially attractive during the next few weeks, when quite a number of unusually interesting events are scheduled to take place, including lectures, talks, evening entertainments, and a large reception, which will be tendered the American Historical Association on Wednesday afternoon, December 30th, at 4 o'clock. As this body is composed of a large number of distinguished men and women and the capacity of the clubrooms is limited, it will be impossible for the club to extend its hospitality beyond the ladies and gentlemen attending the convention; visitors' cards will therefore not be good upon this occasion, but all members are urged to be present to meet and entertain the guests.

On Friday afternoon, January 1st, at 4:30, Dr. Morse Stevens, president of the University of California, who will be here in connection with the historical convention, will address club members and their guests on "Fighting Queen Victoria." He is considered the best American authority. It is very complimentary to the club that a man as much in demand as Dr. Stevens should take time to address the ladies upon his favorite subject.

Monday afternoon, January 4th, will be devoted to art, when Miss Amy Neal Hicks, of New York, will talk to the ladies on "The Meaning of Art Culture."

The next meeting of the Literary Round Table will take place on Wednesday, January 6th, and will be a departure from the usual program of the Round Table. Mrs. Alice M. Tyler, chairman of that day, has as her subject "Twelfth Night." She has arranged a program consisting of tableaux, songs and stories, illustrating the old observance of that day, which promises to be most interesting. The entertainment will be given at night, instead of in the afternoon.

There will be a social meeting tomorrow (Monday) afternoon.

Dinner Postponed.
On account of bad weather, the committee of arrangements was obliged to postpone the Confederate veterans' dinner at Lee Camp Hall. It will be given on January 6th, and will be a New Year's party for the old soldiers.

Personal Mention.
Mrs. J. Thompson Brown, of Arlington, Nelson county, is visiting her father, Mr. E. J. Warren, at No. 115 East Cary Street.

Miss Helen Tanner is spending the holidays with Miss Helen Stevens at "Virginia Manor," the Stevens country home.

Mr. and Mrs. William P. De Saussure and Miss Estelle De Saussure are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. W. P. De Saussure, Jr., in New York.

Miss Margaret H. Lee will spend the holiday season with friends at Leesburg, Va.

Miss Hattie Glen Gary, of No. 2027 West Main Street, has among her holiday guests her cousin, Miss Betsy Ver-

erson Abbott, of Palmer Springs, Va. Miss Abbott for several years previous has been a student at the Woman's College here, and has many friends in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. John Antrim, of Norfolk, will spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Savage, No. 112 East Main Street.

The Rev. G. H. McFadden, wife and son, of Suffolk, are in the city for a short visit, and are guests of the Rev. E. W. McFadden, D. D., No. 807 West Grace Street.

Mr. E. B. Sydnor left Wednesday night to visit his sisters at North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Misses Louise and Grace McKee are guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Smith, at Horn Quarter, King William county.

Mrs. Hartwell Taylor, of New Britain, Conn., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Harvey Clarke, of this city.

Mrs. Churchill G. Graves and niece are visiting friends in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Wilkerson, of Pittsburgh, Pa., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. Neale for the holidays.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Friend, of Belle Haven, Va., are spending the holidays with Mr. Friend's sister, Mrs. F. T. McFadden.

Miss Mary McFadden has returned for her vacation from Mary Baldwin Seminary. Miss Hester Riddle, of Norfolk, accompanied her.

Miss Marion Robertson, of Portsmouth is visiting friends in Richmond.

Miss Conway Fleming returned for her Christmas vacation from Mary Baldwin Seminary, and has as her guest Miss Hoyer, of Denver, Col.

Mr. Lewis Staton, of William and Mary College, is spending his Christmas vacation with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Staton, in the West End.

The Misses Elder, of Staunton, are visiting Major and Mrs. J. H. Dooley, at Maymont.

Mrs. Carter Weisger is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Walter Cottrell.

Miss Katherine Anderson, of Staunton, is spending some time with relatives in Richmond.

Miss Susie French Patton has returned from a visit to Miss Leake, of Ashland.

Mrs. Elizabeth Wilkins, of Portsmouth, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. John S. Harwood, in Richmond.



Does Any One Remember?
Hampton, Va., Dec. 7, 1908.

Confederate Column, Times-Dispatch.

In September or October, 1864, I was

captain of a Confederate boat engaged

in transporting stores for our army

from Richmond to Chaffin's Bluff.

At Drury's Bluff our boats parted to go

around a bend in the river. I was

officer attempted to jump from one

boat to the other, and went between

in a small boat and pulled him in. He

was a very large man in cavalry boots

and a good swimmer. Do any of the boys

remember the occurrence and name of

the officer?

RANDOLPH.

Information Wanted.

Orlean, Nov. 24, 1908.

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